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Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
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**Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority Pre-Acquisition Services
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Cheadle,

The DMCA has been up and running for 8 months and is well positioned to begin seeking land acquisition funding from both private entities and the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB). In February, the DMCA Governing Board authorized a request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Conservancy) for grant to conduct pre-acquisition services in the transition area between the Upper Santa Clara River watershed and the Sierra Pelona and San Gabriel Mountains. This ecologically rich area with great public access is fundamental to maintaining connectivity between the large mountain ranges that form the northern boundary of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor zone.

The Governing Board respectfully requests the Conservancy's consideration of a \$50,000.00 grant to the DMCA to fund expenses directly related to the acquisition of specific parcels in these areas. The proposed budget would include \$25,000.00 for personnel services, \$22,000.00 for appraisals and title reports, and \$3,000.00 for travel and miscellaneous expenses. The proposed term of this grant would go through May 31, 2008.

We respectfully request your consideration of this request. Please direct any questions to my attention at (661) 942-3662.

Sincerely,

Jim Dodson
Chairperson